

Biography – Rev. Dr. Mike Branscombe

Mike Branscombe studies theology in Durham (England) from 1992-1995, and was ordained Deacon and Priest in the Church of England Diocese of Lichfield. He served as assistant Curate at St. James Ogle Hay with Brownhills for three years. Whilst at St. James he planted a new congregation at Holy Trinity Clayhanger, he served as Holy Trinity's first Priest-in-Charge on part time basis combining this with a position on the Bishop's staff as Diocesan Vocations Officer for the Diocese of Lichfield. In 2001 Mike moved to Florida and served as Assistant Rector at St. Alfred's Palm Harbor. Whilst at St. Alfreds he began studies for a Doctor of Ministry degree at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. In 2003 Mike was called to his current position as Associate Rector and Youth Minister at Church of The Ascension in Clearwater. In May 2008 he was awarded a Doctor of Ministry Degree, his research specialized in how Christian Stewardship can be communicated to postmodern thinkers. Mike has chaired the Diocese of Southwest Florida Commission on Ministry since October 2006. Mike is married to Margaret and they await the adoption of their first child. Mike enjoys nothing more than riding his Triumph Daytona in the cooler Florida months.

Anglicanism

SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

Diocese of Southwest Florida

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

We will explore the distinctive qualities of Anglicanism, from its historical roots in the British reformation to the global communion of the 21st Century.

REQUIRED READING

The Identity of Anglicanism: Essentials of Anglican Ecclesiology (T & T Clark, 2008), Paul Avis. **(Chapters 1 to 11, pages 1 – 195)**

BEFORE YOU COME TO CLASS

Complete the required reading and come to class with a short (2 page) research paper, based on a province of the Anglican Communion. Please select a province other than the Episcopal Church or The Church of England. Pay attention to the history of the province, its relation to the United Kingdom and The Church of England. Please pay attention to the orders of ministry in the province chosen, i.e. what is the balance between priests, deacons, and lay ministers? Please also consider the authorized forms of prayer and liturgies of the province. The following website will get you started,

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/tour/index.cfm>

however I certainly expect more detail than the information contained in the links from that page. These papers will be used to aid our in-class discussion.

COURSE CREDIT

Full credit will be granted to participants who complete the required reading assignment, come to class prepared to share their research papers, and complete the final project to be determined on the day of class.

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